

THE WORD

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PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Rev. Robert Craig

Hello Church Family,

The annual gathering of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist closed yesterday. Along with over 700 delegates from all churches in the conference, the Holy Spirit was present.

Worship included over 700 voices joining together in hymns of praise, leadership from all demographics in our conference, prophetic preaching, and Holy Communion. It truly was amazing! A friend of mine said to me, "Closing worship was incredible. When it was over I noticed it had lasted for an hour and a half. It felt like only a few moments had gone by!"

Community was strengthened and reformed. Old friends, new friends, and even adversaries shared meals, conversations, handshakes, and hugs. This is a vital part of what John Wesley called Holy Conferencing.

Business sessions were, well, business. However, the Spirit of God was in our midst there as well. We discussed money, structure, churches, ministry, and the future. All of these can be contentious topics at times, but the body of Christ in the TWKUMC handled it all with grace. In fact, we discussed and passed resolutions on topics like war and racism. These are issues that are highly politicized by the partisan cable news networks, but the people of the TWKUMC addressed them as issues that harm the beloved of God. It was so life-giving to see God's people handle these potentially divisive issues with such compassion. I believe this is the result of sharing so often in worship and at the Table.

Finally, appointments were set for the next appointment season. Emily Sanford was announced as our new pastor at Dyersburg FUMC! She was present for much of the conference as well. Her spirit is contagious. I look forward to her time among us.

I appreciate the faithful delegates from this wonderful church for their hard work. They are David Hayes, J. Dan Gullett, and David Wagner. Ask them about their experience. Perhaps next year is your turn?

Peace,
Robert

JUNE 21, 2026

USHERS

Lowell Beck
Walt Bradshaw
Baird Lewis
Charlie Caldwell
Pierce White

GREETERS

Cindy Taylor
Sandy Prince

LITURGIST

Beth Feith

VIDEO RECORDER

Will Bird

Our Mission Statement

*To Know, Love, Share,
and Serve Christ*

Our Vision Statement

*We seek to love God above
everything and to love our
neighbors as ourselves*

Our Values

*Hospitality, Outreach, Loving,
Tradition, Community,
Teaching, Family*

**OFFICE
HOURS**

Monday - Friday
8:30am – 12:00pm
1:00pm – 4:00pm

RECORD OF LOYALTY (6/7/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	33
In Person Worship	105
Sunday School	52

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$141,425.88
Expenses Year to Date	\$239,919.04
Income (April)	\$25,744.48
Expenses (April)	\$66,375.41

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP FROM ANYWHERE

Our Sunday morning service is viewable each Sunday morning at 10:15 am from our church's webpage at <https://www.fumcdyersburg.com/media> or our Facebook page at Dyersburg First United Methodist Church. You can also watch previous sermons on either site.

SUMMER KIDS CLUB 2026

JULY 11 POOL PARTY 2 PM - 4 PM

MOVIE NIGHT JULY 18 6 PM - 8 PM

JULY 26 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 2 PM - 5 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL TORI: KIDMINFUMCDYERSBURG@GMAIL.COM

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

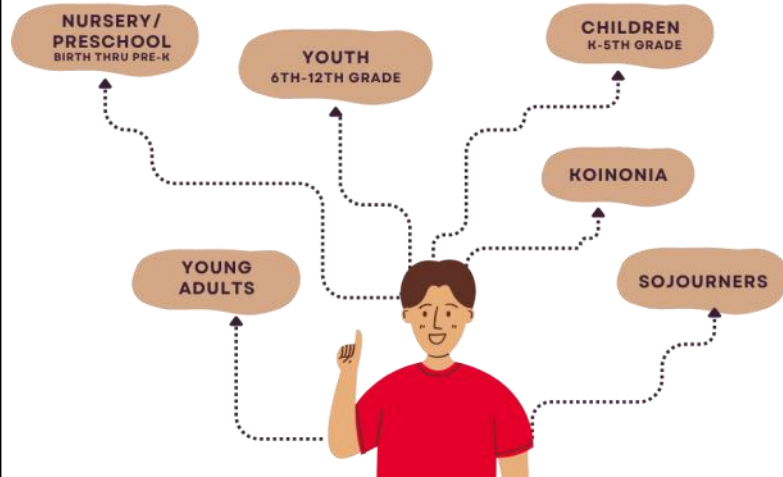
GENERAL FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Tommy Barrineau	Patrick and Amy Heckethorn
Doni Lineburg	Patrick and Amy Heckethorn
Janie Stafford	Patrick and Amy Heckethorn
David West	Patrick and Amy Heckethorn



- Shampoo
- Bar soap
- Canned fruit
- Beef stew
- Canned soup

WHICH SUNDAY SCHOOL SHOULD YOU GO TO?



**WELCOME
RECEPTION**

**REV. EMILY
SANFORD**

ON JULY 12TH

**9:00AM DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

LAKESHORE SUMMER CAMP

While you are looking forward to the warm days of summer and making plans for your children's activities, don't forget our United Methodist camp, Lakeshore. Lakeshore is for kids from seven-years-old through Senior High School. There are also specialty camps.

For years, Dyersburg FUMC has encouraged our kids to attend Lakeshore by paying \$100 toward the camp fee. **This year, the church will pay \$200 of each of our camper's fees.** Those of you whose child attended Lakeshore last year have received registration forms and camp information in the mail. You can go to lakeshorecamp.org for more information.

LAKESHORE
camp and retreat center

"RESPITE FOR ALL" THANK YOU

The steering committee of the "Respite For All" program would like to express its gratitude for the generous alter offering on communion Sunday. The donation will enable the purchase of our business plan. The plan will ensure success for this community program. Also, a heartfelt thanks to all the people who have signed up to help.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have information to be printed in the newsletter? Maybe you have a birth announcement, a wedding announcement, a prayer request/update, or an upcoming Sunday School social. Please send your information to Tori in the church office. It's easy. Call 731-285-6454 or email - tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com .
Deadline is Tuesdays at noon the week before.

FISHY SOCIAL

— Koinonia Class —



SUNDAY, JUNE 28

4:00 p.m | at Boyettes in
Tiptonville

See Nancy West for more details

#13490
Periodicals
Paid at
Dyersburg, TN

Sunday, June 21, 2026
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary
Readings:
Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship

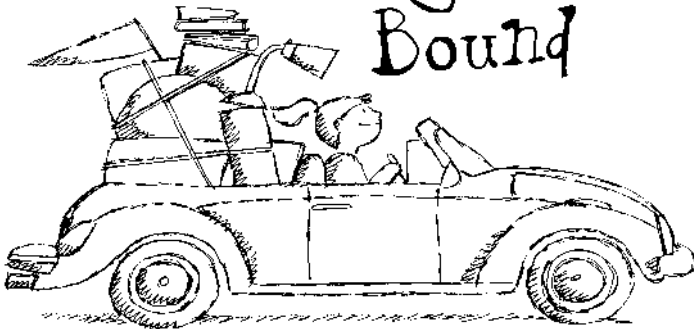
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The **July/August** Upper Rooms are in! Please remember to save and recycle your previous devotional. Bring it with you when you pick up your new devotional. Both can be dropped and picked up in the Connect Center.

College Bound



If you have a child going off to college, now would be a great time for them to sign up on the church's webpage to get e-newsletters from the church. It's a great way to keep in touch with some home town news. <https://fumcdyersburg.com/media/newsletters>

Prayer Requests

In order to keep our teams informed about persons you've requested prayer for, please send updates every **three weeks**.

Cindy Taylor
Tiffany Riggins (Elaine McCormick's daughter)
Carolyn Cooper - Bells Nursing and Rehab. Center,
213 Herndon Drive, Room 218, Bells, TN 38006

Bill Troy
George Robertson
Cherry Robertson
Linda Jones

**Please continue to remember the Home Bound.
If you'd like to send cards, contact the church office for addresses if you need them.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The mission and ministry of Dyersburg FUMC is now more vital than ever. Although you can bring your offerings with you to church on Sunday, you can also still mail them or go online. It's easy: mail your check to the church at P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025 OR give online by going to <https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>.